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Reply to Attn of: General Law Practice Group

TO: Distribution

FROM: Alternate Designated Agency Ethics Official

SUBJECT: Determination Regarding Attendance by NASA Employees at the
Carnegie Institute for Science Dinner on February 21, 2013.

On February 21, 2013, the Carnegie Institute of Science, a non-profit organization constituted under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, will host a dinner at its Washington, D.C. headquarters following a public lecture by Dr. Mary E. Dickinson of the Baylor University College of Medicine earlier in the evening. Dr. Dickinson's lecture is entitled "Biological Imaging in the Digital Age: How Cells Became Actors and the Tales They Tell."

Approximately 35 people will attend the dinner following Dr. Dickinson's public lecture. Attendees will include representatives from other scientific and medical organizations, academia, the medical profession, the National Cancer Institute, the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, finance and biotechnology. The estimated cost of food and beverages is \$113.34 per person. I find that the event meets the requirements of a "widely attended gathering" as defined in 5 C.F.R. § 2635.204(g)(2). There is an Agency interest in having NASA personnel attend the event because it will further Agency programs or operations. Attendance at the event will allow NASA attendees to discuss frontier scientific developments as they relate to NASA's programs, activities and policies with research and organizational leaders from various communities.

NASA employees whose duties do not substantially affect the sponsors, including NASA employees in non-career positions who are required to sign the ethics pledge under Executive Order 13490, may accept an invitation for themselves and an invited guest for free attendance to the event. However, NASA employees whose duties may substantially affect the sponsors, such as by way of procurement duties, should seek an individual determination pursuant to 5 C.F.R. § 2635.204(g)(3)(i) regarding participation in this event from their local ethics counselor.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Adam F. Greenstone".

Adam F. Greenstone